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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 449

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A RESOLUTION To recognize Maxine Drake on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Drake is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 8 years as County Coordinator with the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency in Crossville; prior to her meritorious service in this position, Ms. Drake had worked with the UCHRA for 11 years at its headquarters in Cookeville from October 15, 1973 until she left to become a sales manager for Fairfield Glade Communities; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Drake was also employed with the Warren County Community Action Committee before joining UCHRA; in that position she lobbied for the passage of state legislation to require the location of at least one Human Resource Agency in each of the state's nine planning districts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Drake also worked with the Office of Economic Opportunity while in Warren County, and witnessed the beginning of the Head Start Program; while working with the

Community Action Committee, she collaborated with the State Health Department to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Since Maxine Drake has returned to UCHRA to serve as the County Coordinator in Crossville, she has overseen projects funded from the \$2 million budget allotted for county HRA programs; the Cumberland County HRA works with the housing project, Good Samaritans, and the low-income energy program, and is also involved in the commodity program which serves 700 to 800 people; and

WHEREAS, The Cumberland County HRA also governs the Cumberland Mountain School, a day care center for pre-school-aged children; the agency plans to renovate the Paty Lodge next year for an after-school and summer-care program for school age children; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Maxine Drake has seen human suffering from economic deprivation, and has consistently responded with sensitivity, energy, and dedication; she has not only sought a career in which she has been able to serve people's needs, but has actively worked to bring service programs on-line to help those in need in her region and across the state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Drake exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; following her June 12 retirement after 45 years in the workforce, 19 of which were with the Upper Cumberland HRA, she plans to spend more time with her three grown children and seven grandchildren, activities at St. John's Episcopal Church in Knoxville, playing more golf, and reading in her flower garden at her home in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her estimable career, Ms. Drake has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers and clients alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Maxine Drake our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.